states by supporting militant organisations and propping up Fundamentalist Organisations.

The Government is aware of the sinister designs of pakistan ISI and is keeping a close and continuous watch on the situation. All necessary efforts including sustained operations against terrorists groups and subversive elements are being undertaken to ensure that such designs do not succeed.

Sustained Action against ULFA

1447. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has cleared a proposal for sustained operation against the banned ULFA, both in Assam and Bhutan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other intensified anti-insurgency operations proposed to be undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Government of India have made several appeals to ULFA militants to give up arms and to come forward for unconditional talks to settle the issue through dialogue. The ULFA is insisting on conditions which are unacceptable to the Government of India. The Government of India continues to take necessary measures to neutralise ULFA, both in Assam & Bhutan and is in constant touch with the Government of Bhutan with a view to flush out the ULFA militants operating from within Bhutan.

(c) The Government has adopted a multi pronged approach which includes, *inter alia,* strengthening border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro active action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces etc. Steps have also been taken afresh to flush out militants, check infiltration and curb militant activities including closer vigil on the border, by intensive patrolling and extensive search operations.